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SUBJECT: MILITARY ASPECT OF ALVOR AGREEMENT

1. I TALKED ON JANUARY 22 WITH THE NEW COMMANDER OF THE ANGOLAN MILITARY REGION GENERAL FERREIRA DE MACEDO. HE SAID A DECISION HAS BEEN MADE THAT IN THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMISSION, WHICH IS COMPOSED OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, THE PRESIDENTIAL COLLEGE AND THE SIX MEMBERS OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, THE PRESIDENTIAL COLLEGE SHALL HAVE ONE VOTE, MAKING A TOTAL OF EIGHT VOTES IN THE COMMISSION, DIVIDED FOUR AND FOUR BETWEEN THE PORTUGUESE AND THE LIBERATION GROUPS.

2. ONE VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION PEOPLE ARE ASKING HERE CONCERNS THE PROVISION OF THE AGREEMENT THAT PERMITS THE LIBERATION GROUPS TO CONTRIBUTE A MAXIMUM OF 8,000 MEN EACH TO THE NEW ANGOLAN ARMY. MANY HAVE ASKED WHAT HAPPENS TO THE EXCESS; FNLA, FOR EXAMPLE, IS REPUTED TO HAVE 20,000 TROOPS. GENERAL MACEDO EXPRESSED SOME DOUBT THAT FNLA IN FACT HAS SUCH A LARGE NUMBER OF EFFECTIVES, BUT IN ANY EVENT HE SAID, THE POLICE, OPVDCA (MILITIA) AND RURAL GUARD WILL BE REORGANIZED AND THAT THOUSANDS OF MEN WILL

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BE NEEDED TO STAFF THESE ORGANIZATIONS. HE SEES NO SURPLUS OF

TROOPS WANDERING AROUND, BUT RATHER A SHORTAGE OF MANPOWER
TO COPE WITH INTERNAL SECURITY NEEDS. THE ALVOR AGREEMENT,
IN ARTICLES 36 AND 37, PROVIDES FOR A MIXED POLICE FORCE, WHICH
IS TO BE ORGANIZED BY THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMISSION. THE FORCE
WILL BE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF A UNIFIED POLICE COMMAND COMPOSED
OF ONE MEMBER FROM EACH LIBERATION GROUP.
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